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"THE DAMNED STUFF CALLED ALCOHOL."

I believe that alcohol, to a certain degree, demoralizes those who make it, those who sell it, and those who drink it.

I believe from the time it issues from the coiled and poisonous worm of the distillery until it empties into the hell of crime, death and dishonor, it demoralizes everybody that touches it.

I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without becoming prejudice against this liquid crime.

All you have to do is to think of the deaths—of the suicides, of the insanity, of the poverty, of the ignorance, of the distress, of the little children tugging at the faded dresses of weeping and despairing wives, asking for bread; of the men of genius it has wrecked; of the millions who have struggled with imaginary serpents produced by this devilish thing.

And when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the prisons, and of the scaffold upon either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against the damned stuff called alcohol.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.

"Keep Church and State forever separate."—GRANT.

"In no sense whatsoever is this government founded upon the Christian religion."—WASHINGTON.

"The divorce between Church and State should be absolute."—Garfield

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PRAYING, WEEPING,

EATING FLESH AND DRINKING HIS BLOOOD

THE CZAR AND HIS PEOPLE ARE THUS PREPARING FOR WAR.

The papers are full of reports of the Czar and Czarina and nobles and generals going from palace to mosque praying, weeping, taking the sacrament, eating a piece of bread, which a priest blesses and declares to be the flesh of a Jew who lived 2,000 years ago (Russians like Jews) and drinking wine, likewise blessed, and which is declared to be the blood of that same Jew, all of which lamentation and sacramental shenanigan, is necessary to insure victory to the Russian arms. This is a daily occurrence.

One report describing it says that: "The Czar took the consecrated bread and wine from the Court chaplain, and after eating the one and then drinking the other, he took some of the bread and steeped it in the wine, and thus bestowed it on the Dowager Empress, the Czarina, and the Grand Duke. He thus mixed the bread and wine, as the Holy Church does not permit them to be given to women separately." The men only are permitted to partake the bread first and and the wine after. But the women must take them "mixed," whether because the separate partaking has a bad effect on the digestion of women, or induces wind colic, or is a holy privilege not to be accorded to women we can only guess at.

Any how, the sacrament in any or all of its phases is a wonderful mystery.

With Kings it always seems to have a particular virtue when they have bloody business on hands.

At one of the great councils of the church some centuries ago the question whether or not the remnant of the sacrament eliminated in the stool was still "consecrated,' was discussed with all the profound and mighty logic of the sacradotal brain.

Verily, the sacrament, whether taken separately, mixed, or in the state of assimilation, or that found in the stool, is a marvelous mystery. But the greatest mystery connected with the sacrament, is seen in the effect it has upon different people of different religions.

When the Primate of the Greek church converts the bread and wine into the real flesh and blood of Jesus, it makes him jealous hateful and vindictive toward the Roman Pontiff. When he by the same process converts the bread and wine into the same flesh and blood and vice-versa.

When both eat and drink the same consecrated flesh and blood they are ready to spring at each others throats.

This however, may be due to difference in diet. When the sacrament is mixed and digested with the garlic of the Italian, it of course would have a different effect upon the spiritual nature, than when mixed and digested with the beans and black-bread of the Russian.

Any way you take the sacrament, deeper and deeper grows the mystery.

The Russians are also depending largely upon the assistance of a big doll, all dressed up in many colored silks and bedecked with costly jewels. They say she represents the virgin—in fact has all the powers of the Virgin.

It is said that once upon a time the Virgin Mary appeared to the Russian St. Sergius, and in commemoration of this event, they made this big doll to represent her, and dressed the giddy thing up in great shape, inner as well as outer garments.

They have dragged this Virgin out in public places; the Czar has prayed to it, and asked it to protect his army and help him win the victory. The priest in charge, is touching all the generals on the head with dolly, thus consecrating them and making them invincible. This doll is to be taken to the seat of the war not only to inspire the Generals and soldiers, but to manage the heaven part of it, and keep God in line for the Russian cause. Here is another peculiarity. Although the Virgin appears to the Russian Saints and is adorned by the Russians, and although she appears to the Roman Saints, and is worshipped by the Catholics, yet both the people whom she visits and helps, hate each other worse than the devil.

If the Russians win it will be due, no doubt, to the intercession of dolly ... they call the Japs idolaters and heathen.

The Assassination of the Czarina.

A St. Petersburg correspondent declares that attempts are being made a the time to put the Czarina out of the way, on account of her Protestantism. They don't want a male heir from her, and twice the Czarina was purposely injured, hoping that she would lose her life, as well as that of the child. Once she was tripped by catching her foot in a noose ,and the rope pulled giving her a heavy fall, causing her to lose a male foetus, well advanced, and nearly causing her to lose her life. But Alix wouldn't die. Now, it is said, they are trying to poison her.

The principal reasons for Russian dislike of her is that while she embraced her husband's faith for policy, she refused publicly to curse the Protestant faith as rank heresy."

And again she was required to strip stark naked and be baptized three times. This she refused to do, and of course the priests were mad at this piece of disobedience.

Then again she was required to be anointed with holy oil in the forehead, hands, breasts and feet, so stated by the correspondent in the papers.

To all this wholesale anointing, the Princess Alix flatly refused and permitted the priest to touch her only on her hands and forehead and this, too, made them very, very mad.

The consequence is that they do not regard the Czarina as a Russian and a Greek Christian, but hold her as a heretic; and as heretics and heathen, according to Russian law, are not permitted citizenship, so the Czarina is not considered a citizen of Russia.

The ban of the holy church is upon her. They have attempted her life in pregnancy, killing a male heir, and then they curse her because she does not bring a son to the Czar.

The facts are that she is a heretic and they will have none of her blood to succeed to the throne.

To Be Pitied.

The Czarina is a woman to be pitied by all humankind. Not only pitied but admired. Admired because she had the courage and independence of character, to refuse to curse the faith in which, and the people among whom she was reared; admired because she refused to expose her body to the sight of priests.

The War

Has resolved itself into a question of Christianity versus Paganism. The Russians are appealing to Christian and race prejudice, and pointing out the bug-a-boo of the "Yellow Peril." What will 400,000,000 Chinese do to the world, they ask, if they learn modern methods of war are? The Chinese are naturally tradesmen and agriculturists, peaceable and passive, the last great nation in the world to incline to conquest and war, and it is fair to assume that if treated honestly and kindly, they will be less a "peril" than if treated brutally, their women ravished and assassinated, and their country dismembered and destroyed. What is Christianity but a peril and blight to them? Show me a race of people, subjugated by the White Peril that has not been exterminated. Where is the American Indian the Incas, the Aztecs, the Hottentots, the Fellahs of Egypt and other tribes?

Degeneration and death is the fate of all.

Every humanitarian in the world will be on the side of Japan. He can't take the side of a people which assassinates, which turns loose its barbarian hordes to fight in their own "peculiar way."

The religions of Mohammedism and Confucianism are needed to maintain the equilibrium of the world. Christianity is always brutal. It is a scourge and blight upon all other thought and upon all other people whom nature has differently endowed. Its very worst features are manifest in the Russian and the extension of Russian power will cast a shadow upon the face of freedom that will not be ...ated for generations to come.

J. B. W.

KENTUCKY

CHRISTIAN LADY IS CONVERTED TO INFIDELITY.

I have just heard, orally, of an interesting conversion to infidelity. It is a lady of about my age, who is anxious that I shall not let her identity be known. She and her family of brothers and sisters are highly educated people and of high social position and are all excellent people, and have all been religionists for the many years that I have known them and they are about the last people that I would have expected to turn Infidel. One of the sisters is still orthodox, while another one never discusses the question of religion, but one of them has expressed a desire to talk to me on the subject of religion.

She says she believes in the existence of a God but believes that Jesus Christ was only a man, and I get the idea that she regards the Holy Ghost as being quite ghostly. She says she is much happier since adopting her new view of religion.

MRS. ANNIE

DONT WANT HER PICTURE IN THE ROGUES' GALLERY.

Mrs. Annie Oppenheimer of Cincinnati, was charged with child murder and tried and acquitted. She then demanded that her picture which was in the Rogues' Gallery, should be returned to her and it was refused.

The authorities did just right. If a woman can even be suspected of child murder it is well enough to have her picture in the Rogues' Gallery, and if she is innocent it cannot hurt her.

My picture is in the Rogues Gallery. **If I do right it cannot hurt me, and if I do wrong and run off it may help to catch me as ought to be done.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE THEME OF A LARGE CONCLAVE OF PREACHERS AND TEACHERS IN PHILADELPHIA

The North American (Philadelphia) of March 3, has a full account of a meeting in Philadelphia of preachers and Christian teachers of which one of the speakers said "It will be the greatest religious and educational meeting ever held in America."

The North American in talking about it says:

Conservative and Orthodox.

"The tone of the papers was even more conservative than had been expected orthodox rather than liberal.

It was learned yesterday that a sentiment hostile to the Religious Education Association has found growth in some orthodox quarters, and it was said that an attack is to be made on it at the Sunday school department session in the First Baptist church this afternoon."

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The tone of the North American seems to indicate that, in these days, when a body of learned religionists get into a conference it is not expected they will be consevative, and that it surprises when they are orthodox rather than liberal.

It seems to mean, in plain words, if I understand it, that in these days, when great preachers and great college presidents get to talking we may expect to hear something about religion that has not been taught commonly, heretofore, but somebody that inclines to liberalism or infidelity.

In that respect it seems the deliberations of the body disappointed the audience.

It must be understood, however, that this Religious Education Association is suspected of some want of orthodoxy, because some persons, "in some orthodox quarters" are going to make an attack upon the Association.

The account says:

Dr. Luther Hasley Gulick, of New York, talking on [illegible] "What Should Constitute a Scientific Basis for Religious and Moral Education, and to What Extent Does Such a Basis Already Exist," pleaded for radical reform in Sunday school teaching methods.

Better equipped and more up to date and intelligent methods, he said, are necessary to lift the Sunday school to the high plane as an agent of instruction on which it should rest.

Emotion the Primary Fact.

He suggested that the emotional basis is the primary fact in religion and moral pedagogy. He said further

The foundation of religion is some other thing than intellectual truth. Sometimes I think this generation is intellectual mad. We try to reduce everything to a scientific basis, when in the religious education of a child the greatest element must always be love.

Intellectual instruction is of tremendous importance of course, but the first thing is to see that the character of the teacher is such as we should want duplicated in our children. If we get teachers who love their pupils and have the proper devotion to their subjects the rest will follow.

The child does not adopt a truth by reasoning, so why appeal to his intellect? Belief is something that is underneath reason, which in many persons cannot be established or removed by reason.

If, then, religion is not to be propagated by means that are intellectual in nature, we must turn to the emotional basis.

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It seems to me that Dr. Gulick contradicts himself in the Sunday school ... wants "more up to date ... intelligent methods," which seems to indicate that, in his judgment, there has been a lack of intelligence in Sunday school management, and yet when it comes to teach religion to a child he seems to regard the use of the intellect and science as dangerous and to be avoided and the emotional nature of the child must be principally or solely, worked upon.

It is a strange admission that the Doctor makes that "the foundation of religion is not intellectual truth."

The common charge of Infidels against Christians is that intellectual truth is not the foundation of religion but that Christians appeal to the emotional nature rather than to reason and truth to make converts to their religion; but we Infidels have commonly been told by the champions of Christianity that their religion stood the test of criticism when subjected to intellectual investigation and that it was really and demonstrably true.

Now comes this learned Doctor of Divinity and says the defenders of the Christian faith have almost gone crazy, upon the contention that religion is a thing of intellectuality ,and he speaks contemptuously of the idea that religion rests upon a "scientific basis."

The position of Dr. Gulick is exactly that of all Infidel propagandists so far as I know anything about them.

The Infidels have specially attacked the first chapters of Genesis, and have charged that these chapters were inaccurate because they did not rest upon a scientific basis, and the answer, until now, of all great Christian expositers has been that these chapters in Genesis really do rest upon a scientific basis if we only understood them.

Now Dr. Gulick takes up the cudgel in defence of the Infidels and scouts the idea that religion is to be put upon a scientific basis in the education of a child and that the thing to be done to make a Christian of a child is simply to appeal to its love.

It is true that this seems primarily to be said of teaching children but it is plain that he extends the principle to those who are not children.

"Intellectual instruction is of tremendous importance, of course," but it is not "the first thing."

He says, plainly "a child does not adopt a truth by reason," and he then asks "why appeal to its intellect?"

He seems to me to say, that if you want to get one to believe religion so that it cannot be "removed by reason" you must get religion into the mind of the party to be influenced by some means other than reason—that if you get religion into one's mind by reason it may be gotten out of the same mind by reason and that, therefore it is not safe to make Christians by reasoning with them.

Dr Gulick concludes, plainly, that "religion is not to be propagated by means that are intellectual in nature."

Dr Gulick on this point occupies the true position taught by Jesus when he said "Except ye become as little children ye cannot enter the kingdom of heaven."

That is the same as to say if you want to be a Christian you must disregard "intellectual truth" and any "scientific basis" and, just like a little child, believe what is told you, on the subject of religion without stopping to reason about it, and without stopping to enquire whether religion harmonizes with science.

This certainly seems to be a very favorable state of mind for the clergy to get the people into preparatory to making Christians of them, but, in these days of increasing intelligence people will hardly be willing to discard "intellectual truth" and all "scientific basis" in order to accept any kind of dogmas.

CATHOLICS DON'T WANT GODLESS SCHOOLS

Catholics do not care to have their children contaminated by associating with Protestant children in our Godless public schools, yet you will find in every city that a great number of these children are taught by Catholic teachers. Our public schools are full of Catholics. There ought to be a law in every State in the Union that the Bible should be taught in every public school. We do not mean the special tenets of some denomination on the Bible just as it is. If it were not so serious, it would be amusing to hear Catholics talk about our public school system as a failure when the densest ignorance and superstition is found in all Catholic countries.

—Christian Companion.

Some one sent me that clipping. To say "ignorance and superstition is, etc., is bad grammar which it was unfortunate to have used in commenting upon the ignorance of others.

That editor thinks the Bible should be read in every public school by law, and yet this government was founded upon the principle that religion should not be forced upon any of its citizens.

Christians claim to believe in the "golden rule"—to do to others as we would have them do to us.

If this country should, some day fall into the hands of Infidels would that editor think it right for Infidels to have the writings of Paine and Ingersoll read in the public schools, by law?

And yet Paine and Ingersoll were both men who fought for the government and the whole Bible is opposed to any republican form of government and the New Testament says "Honor the King," and every consistent Christian ought to wish that we were under the rule of Edward VII of England.

HOSS ARISTOCRACY.

One of the first requests the new Secretary of War, Taft, has made upon the public treasury has been for $90,000 for new stables for the White House.

The request for this appropriation was transmitted to the house on the last day of February.

The reasons assigned are that "a number of President Roosevelt's horses have been practically ruined by being kept in the old stables which are damp and unhealthy."

This reminds me that there is many an old hoss in this country, who has performed honest toil for long years, in summer's heat and winter's cold and piercing rains—hosses which have added to the wealth of the nation, and to the development of human progress, whose only shelter has been the side of a straw-stack or an old open shed.

And it reminds me that there are thousands and thousands of human beings, whose labors have added to the wealth of the nation—some of them geniuses, their souls attuned to music, their brains fired with the fire of poesy, or with the skill of invention, who have not even a stable of any kind to live in, to say nothing **of a $90,000 Hoss Palace.** **J. B. W.**

REV. F. C. DILLINGHAM

OF ENGLAND, NOW LECTURING IN THIS COUNTRY AGAINST RITUALISM.

"After 2,000 years of Christianity an idolatry is now being practiced in our churches more contemptible and more stupid than that of the ancient heathens."

These were the words in which the Rev. R. C. Dillingham of England, denouncing ritualism in a sermon at the St. Paul's M. E. church, Cincinnati, last night. He compared the present crisis to the threatened reaction and disruption in the time of St. Paul, saying in part:

Hinder March of Progress.

"Reactions are always bad, because they hinder the march of progress. England has been living in a time of reaction for the last ten years, and what has been the result? The country is entirely in the hands of the rich and the noble classes. The nation has lost its high ideals.

"Jesus is not present in a wafer or a cup, but is to be found in suffering humanity and in acts of charity and love.

"With the so-called conversion of paganism eating the very life came the fashion. The heathens under Roman dominion also came into the church, bringing with them their idolatry—the gorgeous ritual, the pagan idea that grace is conferred by material means such as water, bread, etc.

"From their many gods we obtained many saints, from their idols we received our ideas of graven images of the Virgin.

"This paganism was assimilated into the church until Christianity died. That church which Jesus Christ had founded and for which martyrs had died was dead in the middle ages, and a horrible idolatry had taken its place.

Take Life Out of Church.

"Catholicism, ritualism and the sacramental system mean nothing more or less than the poison of paganism eating the very life out of the Christian church.

"With the Reformation God raised up other Pauls and once more the church was purged of idolatry. But in England, in 1833, the High Church movement was started.

"Under the ritualistic party the Church of England is now half Romanized. In New York idolatry is so fashioned that it flourishes in many other denominations besides the Episcopal churches.

"A great crisis confronts the Anglo-Saxon race. It is the struggle of priestcraft and ritualism against the life of the Church of Christ.

"The United States and Great Britain are as one nation in this cause, for what affects one also affects the other. Spain's strength was sapped by priestcraft. That is the danger now threatening us."

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The knowledge possessed by Rev. Dillingham of the origin and general deviltry of Christianity, is not to be discounted even by a well read Infidel. His bravery in speaking it out is far in advance of many well read Infidels.

There is this weakness in him, however, he is blasting away at the forms of worship, but himself adhers to the very basic superstitions upon which the forms rest. The only difference between him and the Catholic or High Churchman is ,that they are superstitious with form and ceremony, and he is superstitious without them.

The aim of the gentleman, however, is good. When people become so childish and silly that they will hang their soul's salvation upon the strut of a laced and petticoated priest, or upon the smell that comes from his body, any effort that is put forth to lead people back to their senses is to be commended.

We all know that ritualism is synonomous with ignorance and immorality and degradation and intellectual servility.

What we most need now is that every man and woman, who knows the history of Christianity as well as Mr. Dillingham does, come right out boldly and denounce it altogether. We want and need brave courageous men and women, to speak for the fullest liberty and freedom of mankind, if we would save the race from receding back to ritualism and intellectual darkness.

However, success to Rev. Dillingham. Save us from the Black Bats of Night.

The able article of Mrs. Henry on this subject some time ago ought to be sent to Rev. Dillingham. He is not rousing much enthusiasm among Protestant churches, and it might show him that his rightful place is among Liberals, the true conservators of Liberty and Progress in this country. **J. B. W.**

DR. WEIR

WRITES A THIRD LETTER TO WHICH I REPLY.

Winterset, Iowa, Feb. 28, 1904.

Charles C. Moore:

My dear sir:—Enclosed find letter which please publish in next issue instead of the one mailed to you on Saturday evening.

Pressure of business and the requirements of the church prevented my giving your answer a careful reading before writing the letter mailed Saturday evening.

This is asking a good deal but I will grant you any reasonable request in return. If you will not grant the request then publish both.

T. P. WEIR.

Winterset, Iowa, Feb. 2, 1904.

Charles C. Moore:

My dear friend:—Your answer to my letter is about what I looked for * * * * I anticipated that you would have more to say in reply to my letters than any one else.

I wondered if ever, in your impetuous attacks you overstated anything. Having these things in view my letter was hastily written, and words purposely misspelled. The misspelling of the word opportunity was due to negligence. You were fair in pointing out the misspelling of words but in your statement that the letter is written in an exceedingly "bad hand" and without evidence of a knowledge of capitalization or punctuation and that you had to change it from from start to finish, you, if truthful, spoke in extremely exaggered terms.

Honor bright, did you not publish the letter just as it was written? If not you should have done so. I ask for nothing hetter than the privilege of atoning for my own sins ,and when my letters are sent to you for publication, I ask for nothing better than to have them published as written. Had you always done this, the thought expressed by one sentence would not have been entirely destroyed, as was the case in my first letter, published nearly two years ago. I always attributed that to the machinery.

Did you print the letters of Mrs. Closz just as she wrote them, we probably would find "onlookers" instead of "on lookers". (See article on "Evangelist called down.")

Who lives in glass houses should not peep into other houses. I fear portions of your anwser will need changing before it because "intelligible," or, at any rate, before it can pass for good grammar.

You say "Your change from the Unitarian church to the other church you contemplate joining is no change; simply going," etc.

Now what on earth do you mean? Would it not be better to add the letter r to the word you, making the sentence read, your change, etc.?

You say, "We'll watch and see that your subscription don't run over the time," etc. How shocking to think you have spent five years in the "pen," because of the things you wrote with your pen and now, after having spent so much of your time using your pen, you could not pen a little criticism without the making of such an egregious blunder. Let us expand your contraction and we have do not,, instead of don't. Your sentence will then read "We'll watch you and see that your subscription do not run over time.

It is needless to tell you what is wrong with the sentence.

The mistake was due not to ignorance, but carelessness. So when a Christian spells Ingersoll with one l and Infidel with ll, there is evidence of nothing more than carelessness.

In my next communication I hope to give you a part, at least, of the things that led up to my confession.

You are certainly unfair in presuming that I would not pay my subscription. Do you think all my honor will be left behind me now? I shall try to be more honest than before my confession and you should remember I was too honest to accept your paper for 50 cents when I believed it was worth more.

You have preached but the chances are you were a hypocrite and never knew the meaning of conversion. If a man is a man before going into the church, he is a man after going into it.

If he was not a man before going into the church he is supposed to be a man after going into the church. May it not be that you know nothing about the wonderful help obtained through the saving grace of Jesus Christ?

You presume entirely too much. My brethren don't announce my case as the conversion of a "famous Infidel."

They say I was a Unitarian and a Freethinker. The preachers of that church told me, last summer, when speaking of the character I maintained that there was more of the Christ spirit about me than I knew. Before my confession we were organizing a temperance club, and that same preacher nominated me for president and I was elected. He told them he would nominate a man who was fearless and who would be found always standing up for all that was good. This he told me after I repeatedly told him that I absolutely reject (sic) his christ (sic) and bible in the light that he viewed them. Do you think he would have done this if he had regarded me as an infidel? Later another party a nonchurchmember (sic), who does not drink and myself, (accompanied by three preachers) went to Des Moines as delegates to a temperance convention. Do you think this would have happened had I been regarded as an Infidel?

This letter has its imperfections, but publish it as it is. Misspelling, bad grammar nor bad writing has anything to do with religion. We must to the facts at issue. Am not yet ready to report in full, but will give you something to do. I used to harp much on the seeming contradiction as to the manner of Judas' death. Bro. Clark makes all clear. I must say to you as he said to me, read your bible more and read Josephus and other histories in connection with your bible and you can understand it.

The Jewish custom was to put a rope about the neck of a criminal and dump him over a precipice. If the rope broke he fell and "busted."

Another of my pets was in Deuteronomy where it speaks of giving strong drink into him that, etc. By reading you will find that a woman and not God said that. Another of my pets was that Matthew gives 26 generations from David to christ (sic) while Luke gives 41. Matthew gives Solomon as the son of David while Luke gives Nathan. Matthew gives Jacob as the father of Joseph while Luke gives Heli, and in the two genealogies the only agreement is in the words Salathiel and Zarobabel (sic). These things had puzzled me a great deal, but Bro. Clark makes it all clear. Heli was the father of Mary who also descended from David and Matthew gives the genealogy of Joseph, while Luke gives the genealogy of Mary. In your study of infidelity did you ever think of that explanation? Undo these answers if you can and you shall have more.

Yours truly,

T. P. WEIR.

P. S. * * *

Enclosed find stamps for copies of last Blade. Your unwarranted attack on me will make it all the better for my missionary work.

T. P. W.

Answer.

I had sent your other letter to be printed before this one came, and will print both of them.

"Pressure of business and the requirements of the church," sounds like you might be joining the church for the business advantage, a thing commonly done, and often done by doctors.

The stars in your letter as I print it indicate parts in this letter that are the same as parts of the letter that you mailed me Saturday evening, and the parts are only omitted in this one because they can be read in the other one.

If my letter was what you looked for it must have been, in your judgment, a reasonahle letter. Thank you for the compliment.

You say here, again, that your first letter was hastily written. You said in your letter of Saturday that your first letter was hastily written and then you say that you "took time" to write that first letter, and you explained that you took time to do it, hecause you had a special reason, which you gave, for spelling some special words wrong. One of those words was oppotrunity, to which I specially called your attention by printing it in black letter, that the linotypes use instead of the old italics when we used to set type by hand.

You spelled it "oportunity," and you distinictly explained that you wrote it that way to 'draw my fire."

Of course that may have been true, though it seemed preposterous, but it sounded like a lie.

Now you say, plainly ," the misspelling of the word opportunity was due to negligence.

You certainly have lied or made a large and surprising mistake, and I think the almost solid verdict will be that you have lied.

Regarding the hand writing of your letter, capitalization, punctuation, etc., the following is true:

Your letter was written on your own letter heads, on ruled white paper. It was so bad that I copied every word of it "from start to finish," on a pad of yellow paper that is used in the Blade office for wrapping newspapers, the pad being made in the Blade office.

Mr. Hughes sent your letter to me, and I copied it, and retained your letter, and Mr. Hughes, or some one in the Blade office, set the type of your letter from the copy that I had written.

As for your statement that I should have printed your letter as you wrote it, that is a question of opinion that I take the liberty to decide when my changing of the copy is no injustice to the writer, but a courtesy to him

This letter to which I am now replying had also various errors, though much better than your first one. I changed some of the errors, so as to make them right, let some of them stand, and they so appear in the letter, and some others I marked "sic,' in brackets, which is an editor's way of saying to his printer, not to correct the error in the copy, but to leave the error as it is written.

For instance, in this letter, you print the name of Christ with a small c. I print it as you wrote it, hut put "sic" aftor it, but I do not correct your error when you print the noun "Christian, with a 'lower case" c, and I retain your incorrect spelling of Zorababel, and put the "sic" after it. Some parts of your letter will be quite difficult to understand because I print it just as you wrote it. You want to make "atonement for your own sins." I thought that was Jesus' job.

You comment upon the errors in the articles of Mrs. Closz, that are evidently either merely clerical or typographical are so silly that they are not worth referring to.

Your remark "Who lives in glass houses should not peep into other houses" has no sense, at all, in it.

The proverb "They who live glass houses should not throw stones" would have been appropriate for you to quote, assuming, as you do, that it was applicable to me.

You put the word intelligible in quotation marks, apparently meaning that there is no such word, or that I had spelled it wrong but there is such a word and I spelled it right.

Your comment upon my use of don't has some more appearance of propriety but you are still wrong.

In formal literature it is not well to use either doesn't or don't though both of them aro admissible.

Again it is stil more inaccurate to use the negative singular form of the verh doesn't for the negative plural form of the verh don't, when you are professedly writing chaste English, but when you are "writin' the American language, as she is spoke," you say "That don't amount to a hill of beans," and you do not say "That does not abount to a hill of beans."

Beside writing this newspaper I have written three books.

My first book "The Rational View" is written in English. My other two books and my newspaper are written in the American language, with a preference for the Southern dialect of that language.

When a boy I took a premium at a country school in English grammar, and then I studied grammar in Latin, Greek, French, German and a little Hebrew, in the Bible and when you catch me napping in grammar, when I pretend to be writing shonuff English, you will catch a weasel asleep.

Your pun on the word "pen" is bad enough even if skillfully used, hut with your quotation marks around it and underscored it is too utterly too too for anything.

When I was editing the "Penitentiary News" in the Ohio penitentiary, the boys rung four or five hundred changes on that joke, and some of them that were pretty good, but if any of them had been half as bad as yours, all the balance of the 2,300 prisoners would have pretioned the warden to have him ducked and strapped, and put in solitary confinement, on bread and water for a month.

Your statement that I was in the penitentiary for "five years," instead of five months is doing fairly well for a Christian propagandist.

A little error of four years and seven months in a period of five months is not much for a Christian who has just came into the fold.

I think that in a few years you will be such a champion liar that you will change you M. D. to D. D.

Your statement that "a Christian spelling Ingersoll with one l, and Infidel with ll is evidence of nothing more than carelsssness;" is all wrong. It is evidence that he did not know how to spell them.

You have now written me three "communications," making five letters in all, and still you say that in your "next communication you hope to give us a part at least of the things that led up to your confession."

And yet while there are at least 10,000 of us that are waiting to hear the things necessary to lead us up to confession, to save our souls out of an eternal hell of fire nnd brimstone, you, just for money, are gadding around with your osteopathic hone doctoring scheme rubbing the rheumatic joints of a lot of old men and women who at most can suffer only a few years.

How long do you expect to hold this newspaper job any how? I am 67 years old and had hoped to live to see the end of this discussion but the chance don't seem flattering at the rate we are going now.

You say the chances are that I was a hypocrite when I preached.

Your suggestion is good. The chances are decidedly, that any man is a hypocrite who preaches, hut the only argument that I have ever made to show that I was probably an exception to the general rule, is that I never took any money for preaching and gave money to enable others to preach. Then beside I was young when I preached and didn't have much sense, and there weren't any Infidels around then, and I never had seen an Infidel publication of any kind, and when I went to ask old preachers about troubles I saw in the Bihle, they were either liars or ignorant like your "Bro. Clark", and nobody had ever heard anything about Bob Ingersoll, and I had to hoe my own row all hy myself, and I had a tough old time of it.

Still as I can't imagine how any body with sense enough to lead a goose to water can believe the Bible, I am not going to say that I was not some hypocrite too, hut I don't believe that mine was as bad a case as all these other fellows that get money for preaching.

About that thing of your "honor" since you have become a Christian, that you ask me about, I would not say you are a rascal and I hope you will be able to lead an honest life, hut it is true that the biggest rascals men and women, that I ever saw were Christians and many of them were preachers, and if you will study the newspapers more and your Bible less, you will find that in proportion to numbers, preachers are the greatest criminals in the world.

I am most radically opposed to liquor, and keep standing in my paper, Ingersoll's denunciation of it as a "damned stuff," but some of the meanest men I ever saw were Christian temperance men, and the greatest villain that ever lived in Kentucky was a Christian Prohibition editor, and the next biggest rascal that Kentucky ever produced was a preacher Prohibition editor until the government stopped his paper.

Ingersoll said of Calvin that he was as bad a man as his health would permit, and the second Kentucky Prohibition editor was and is, as bad a man as his intellectual capacity will allow him to be.

Oh, no; your going with preachers to a temperance convention won't fool me into trusting you for your Blade when your time is out.

From what you say the preachers said about you it seems that they never did regard you as an Infidel.

Then what's all this "confession" racket about? I hope you haven't been stealing anything and just now owning up to it.

But that's the way to do if something has been sticking to your fingers that ought not to have stuck.

I do not at all agree with your statement that misspelling, bad grammar and bad writing have nothing to do with religion. They have very much to do with religion, hecause the truth about religion is a question of intelligence, and spelling and grammar are two things that go to show whether or not a man is intelligent and as you are opposing me, and purely at your own suggestion, on the subject of religion, and it's my job to knock you out, I showed that you cannot spell well, in order to show that you are not intelligent.

In your last lettera when you got a dictionary, or got some good speller to overlook your spelling it is all right.

In trying to save yourself from the charge of bad spelling you have done so much bad lying about it that you can't clear it up in a thousand years.

You are a case in hand to sustain my long contention that almost any Christian will lie in defending his religion.

You are bound to see, if you have ordinary common sense, that I have got you so tangled up about your spelling of those words that you never can get out of it so as to clear yourself from the suspicion of having lied, and, just like a fly in a spider web the more you kick and struggle the tighter you will get fastened, and while, really, I am sorry for you, it's your own doings, and if you want to keep it up I will print what you have to say, not merely because it will amuse readers of the Blade, but also because it will instruct them; but if I have the same luck in managing your case that I have generally had in men of your caliber, you will get awfully tired of this before you get through.

To be candid with you, old boy, you have got yourself in a devil of a fix.

You have been going along as a Blade reader, with the rest of us and, of course, supposably, an infidel. Now without any reason that I can imagine—and you have given none—except that you want to help your brand of bone doctoring and rake in the simoleons, you get a bad case of religion and you are going to have a lot of fun out of me and you are going to use the Blade "for missionary work," to make Christians; but so far from converting anybody to your new way of thinking, up to this date, you will do better than I think it is possible that you ever can do, if you can clear yourself from a well-grounded suspicion that you have lied about spelling, and you can just bet your life—not oysters—that, with the years of experience that I have had with men like you, your religion won't cut any ice, that you will want to haul around for missionary purposes until you either prove you did not lie, or confess that you did lie about that spelling, and it seems to me it's a case of "Hobson's choice."

You sent ten cents in stamps for Blades to begin your "missionary' labors for Christianity, and, of course, I understand that that was only ten cents worth of bluff, and that if you have any sense at all you are not going to try to circulate the Blades that have your letters and my replies to them, but if you are fool enough to do that, and you have any friends that are entirely sane, they ought to put you in a lunatic asylum, and that's where you will get if you keep up this racket long.

You haven't any more show than a snow hall in hell. The worst you can say about me is that I have been in the penitentiary, and that's no news to anybody, and is not exposing any skeleton in my family closet for I wrote a book while I was in the penitentiary and am selling it every where I can.

Though you are a very pleasant morsel for me to chaw on, I can't afford to fill my whole little paper with you, but, while I am about it, it is economy in time and printer's ink just to wipe up the earth with you and "Bro. Clark."

I am glad you got "Bro. Clark" into it. I have been, for some time, just a honing for some preacher to go up agin me and the Blade, and I think "Bro. Clark" will be my meat, unless he is just dog mean enough to back down and leave you with the bag to hold all by your loney, after getting you into this scrape.

I will just give you a sample brick of how I will manage "Bro. Clark" if we can get him into it, hy just a little reference to his view of the "late unpleasantnesa" in the career of poor Judas the only one of the twelve disciples that Jesus would trust with the money bag; the highest compliment that Jesus ever paid to any of his followers.

One of the things that made you an Infidel, so you explain, was the discrepancy in the two accounts of how Judas came to his death, that are to be found in the canonic New Testament, and beside these two, there is still a third way that Judas died described in the Apocryphal New Testament—for sale at this office, price $1 —that says Judas got killed by heing crushed against a gate post by a cart wheel.

Judas died more times than anything that ever lived except a cat.

Of the two accounts of the death of Judas the first is in Matthew xxvii. 3-10.

Read this of course, if you are not familiar with it, but I will tell the story in our ordinary way of talking because you can remember it better when told in that way than you can from hearing it in the Bible style.

The story then is as follows:

Judas got sorry that he had betrayed Jesus and Judas brought the thirty pieces of silver back to the priests and elders who had given it to Judas to betray Jesus, and wanted them to take it hack, because he did not want money gotten in that way.

The priests and elders would not take it hack, and Judas threw down the money in the temple and went and hung himself.

The priests picked up the money, and said it was not lawful to put in in the treasury, because it was the price of blood, so they used that money to buy a potter's field to bury strangers in, and the story says that field is called the field of blood unto this day—that is up to tho day when the man was writing that account of it.

The New Testament account says that the using of that thirty pieces of silver to buy that potter's field was the fulfillment of a prophecy spoken of by the prophet Jeremiah, but it is an interesting fact that no such prophecy, or anything like it, is mentioned in Jeremiah.

But beyond any doubt that account does say that Judas threw down the thirty pieces of silver, in the temple, and that the priests took the thirty pieces of silver and bought that potter's field with it.

In Acts l. 18 is the other account of the death of Judas

It says that Judas used that thirty pieces of silver that he got for betraying Jesus and that Judas, himself used the money to buy a field with, and after he had bought that field he fell headlong, and his bowels gushed out.

The account in Matthew certainly says that Judas would not have the money and threw it down and went and hung himself ,and that after Judas had hung himself the priests took up that money and went and bought a potter's field with it.

The account in Acts plainly says that Judas kept that money and went and bought a field with it himself, and that after he had bought the field he fell head foremost and bursted in the middle so that his bowels gushed out.

Any man who cannot see that there is a plain contradiction as to what was done with that money is a fool, and any intelligent man who says he cannot see the contradiction is a liar, and there is no sense, nor honesty, in mincing words when we talk about such people—they are either fools or liars.

If a rope had broken with which Judas had hung himself, Judas would have fallen feet foremost. Any half idiot would know that. But the plain statement, in Acts, is that Judas died as the result of his falling **head foremost.**

Dr. Weir under the instruction of "Bro. Clark" who "makes it all clear," says "The Jewish custom was to put a rope about the neck of a criminal, and dump him over a precipice."

Not only is it plainly stated in the Bible again and again, probably twenty-five times, that the Jewish custom of killing criminals was to stone them to death—beat them to death hy throwing rocks at them—but neither in the Bible nor in any history in the world is there any intimation that the Jews killed criminals by tying a rope around their necks and then dumping them over a precipice.

It's a lie out of whole cloth that Clark has told Weir, or that Weir has originated, and that Weir knew it was a lie is evident from the flippant way in which he says the man "busted."

Beside all this, as I have told you in my book "Dog Fennel in the Orient," that I saw, plainly, about ten months ago, the place where Judas is said, by every body about Jerusalem, to have come to his death, and there is not only no "precipice" there, and has never been one there, hut there is reason to believe that there has not been in the last 5,000 years, any house, tree, or any thing else on which anybody could hang himself, any where near the place where Judas is said to have come to his death.

There were 468 persons, including 17 preachers, and two priests who were traveling with me, who had the same opportunity to see that place that I did, on a perfectly clear day in plain view. The Cooks, 261 Broadway, New York, will furnish a printed list of all the names of the people with me, simply by mentioning that I was in the party, and there is not in that party, any man, woman or child who will say I am misrepresenting this thing, and who but an incorrigible ass would, under these circumstances, think that a backwoods preacher like Clark, an unknown ignoramus, or worse, is entitled to as much credence about this matter as I am.

The other "pets" of Weir that he tells about I have known about pretty nearly 50 years and their explanations given by Clark, or Weir, are both just as stupid as the explanation about the death of Judas, but they are too long to go into.

The passage about "strong drink" to which you refer, Dr. Weir, is Deuteronomy xix. 26. I hope you have not been indulging in "the rosy" as "Dick Swiveller" calls it, but your talk, in connection with the fact that you are a Christian temperance apostle, looks mighty suspicious.

There is not only not the remotest intimation that any "woman" said that but the plain statement of Moses in Deuteronomy xii. 1 that "the Lord God of thy fathers' 'said it.

Go soak your head before you write me your next" letter.

As to the genealogy of Jesus and your plan for reconciling the conflicting accounts about it, I have been familiar with your theory ever since 1857, and you cannot find a Jew in Judea or America that will say their genealogies are kept in counting back through any woman that ever was born, and there is not the name of any woman in the many pages of genealogies in the Bible.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

By Josephine K. Henry.

The great Thomas Paine will yet occupy his proper place in American history. Year by year the character of this man who was one of the principal founders of American Republicanism, is being shown in its true light. No name in history has been buried under such mountains of falsehood, maglignity, villification and obloquy as the name of Thomas Paine, yet he spoke the grandest words for liberty and justice on record. The clergy alone are responsible for the wrongs that have been done his memory, but truth in its own good time prevails over gods and men.

The San Francisco Examiner, one of W. R. Hearst's great papers, has this to say of Thomas Paine.

Attention President Roosevelt.

"Thomas Paine died in New York, June 8, 1809. He was not an Atheist, as is commonly believed, for he taught the existence of a God, but repudiated the Bible as the word of God, and was bitter in attacking the church creeds. The stories to the effect that he recanted his "Age of Reason" on his deathbed and professed religion have no foundation in fact.

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We hope the man at the White House will pause long enough in his strenuous life to learn the truth about Thomas Paine ,and do his memory the justice of retracting his assertion through the American press, that he printed in one of his books, where he calls Thomas Paine "a filthy little Atheist." If he can prove either of these assertions, it is not only his duty to do so, but now is the opportune time to do it.

In view of the fact that Mr. Roosevelt has been, in his books one of the severest critics of some of his predecessors, and other eminent Americans, he should not complain when asked to prove the truth of his assertions and criticisms.

Mr. Roosevelt said of Thomas Jefferson that "perhaps Jefferson was the most incapable executive that ever filled the presidential chair." Again Mr. Roosevelt said that "Jefferson was constitutionally unable to put a proper valuation upon truthfulness."

How about that from "his accidency" who calls Thomas Paine "a filthy little Atheist?"

Mr. Roosevelt says that President Tyler "was a politician of monumental littleness," and that James K. Polk was "the very smallest President, except Tyler, between Jackson and Lincoln." Of President Monroe, Roosevelt says "he was as much a failure as his predecessors, and a harsher criticism should not be passed upon him."

President Vanburen and Buchanan were "dough faces"; "General Scott was a wholly absurd and flatulent personage."

Nearly all these men were Democrats and dead Democrats, too, while all of them were dead before President Roosevelt was born. It does not take much courage to kick a dead lion. We have looked in vain for a Rooseveltian criticism of Andrew Jackson. We expected to find that the critic thought Jackson a "dough face" and a coward, and mere putty in the hands of his advisers.

It is a wonder in the hands of such incompetents that the Republic ever lived to be delivered by accident into the hands of the hero of San Juan, and we wonder how the critics of the future will size up Rough Rider Roosevelt, in comparison with his predecessors, successors, and the immortal Thomas Paine, who first wrote the words of "The United States of America."

ST. JOAN OF ARC.

The saints of the Catholic church increase in number year by year, and as many priests as there are to forgive sins, it is a wonder the Catholic world does not swarm with living saints, as the calendar does with dead ones, but it don't. I have been in this weary old world more than half a century and I have never yet met a person that acted like they were even second cousin to a saint. The Pope of Rome, in order to curry favor with the French, who are not as devout of late as "His Grace" desires, has made a saint of the "Maid of Orleans." Let it be remembered that the church of Rome, which is now honoring Joan of Arc, burnt her as a heretic and a witch in 1431, and now, after 450 years, has made a saint of her.

Ample proof of the burning of Joan may be found in Lea's History of the Inquisition of the Middle Ages, vol. 3, pages 338 to 378. We are told that sentence was passed upon her by the Inquisition and Bishop Cauchon. She was burnt alive, wearing a high paper crown inscribed, "Heretic, Relapsed, Apostate, Idolator."

From this it seems that the infallible church is not consistent, to say the least, to burn one as a heretic and witch and then raise her to the rank of a saint in heaven.

Poor, brave Joan. If she ever lived, did not deserve such a death. The Inquisition put her to death to please the English, and now Pius X makes her a saint to please the French.

Poor Joan! Her religion was certainly not much comfort to her in life, and now she is dead, it makes no difference whether her name is on the saints' calendar or not. It is the business of popes and priests to exploit myths for their own purposes.

Who knows but in 450 years from now St. Ingersoll will be one of the brightest names in the calendar of saints?

THE WAR IN THE ORIENT.

The American press seems to have baadoned the interests of our people to exploit the war between Russia and Japan, and predictions are being made every day that conditions are leading on to a general war among all the nations of the earth.

If the Christian nations have the shaping of events, that is exactly what it will lead to. Christians are the most tyrannical, avaricious people on earth, and ever since the "Prince of Peace" came to save them, they have been the champion of fighters of the human race. If they are not fighting foreigners they are cutting each other's throat, and if they are not drawn up in battle array, they go on the warpath in the domestic system. Here in the United States they carve up or shoot to death a few thousand women every year, just to keep their hands in. Women are no account any way and they ought to be exterminated from God's footstool, and leave the "sons of God," "monarchs of all they survey." But I did not begin to write about women, though I am greatly interested in their welfare (and I wish the dear creatures were, too) because I am a woman myself and my mother and grandmothers were women, too. But, about this Russia and Japan affair. I hate war, and I hate the trade of the soldier, but if I were a Jap I'd take my little gun and make a target of every Russian that came in sight. What business have the brutal, tyrannical, avaricious Russians in the Orient? Surely the Russian government and church find victims enough at home to practice their cruelty and brutality upon without encroaching upon peaceable and unoffending nations. Suppose the Orientals had intruded themselves on Europe or America with their armies and navies and insisted on forcing their religions on the Christian world, what would Christendom have done to them? In view of what they have done in the war line we leave this to the imagination. Yet this is exactly what every Christian power that has ever got a foothold in Asia by missionaries and soldiers has done. They intrude themselves with their bloody religion, bad morals and bad whisky upon these humane, peaceful people, steal their lands and fil them full of bullets and call these things 'carrying civilization to the heathen."

Christian civilization is sadly at variance with high-thinking, noble-living, honesty, humane ideas, charity and temperance. Christian nations have never yet learned to rule themselves successfully, and are certainly not fit to rule nations who have equally as many virtues and fewer vices than themselves. The Christian's book has a good deal to say about being "puffed up with vanity," and "thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought to think."

The deeply religious Russian prides himself on being a paragon of piety, a model for the rest of the world, but what the rest of the world thinks of him, his religion and his government is another story. The Jap's opinion just now would be worth reading. I hope that the little Japs will emphasize their opinion, not only by driving the Russians out of Manchuria and Corea, but that they will make the Cossacks retreat in double quick across Siberia on their European ranch, and when they get there I hope they will find the Russians in revolt, throttling the very life out of the Russian despotism, that the "Great White Czar" will capitulate like a lamb to the just demands of his people, and the great Russian bear will be run into the Arctic ocean.

Russia is not the only pirate of Christian civilization. England, Germany, the United States and some of the weaker nations have played the role for all there was in it.

Justice and humanity demand that the battle cry of the Orient should be "Asia for the Asiatics," and I sincerely hope that the Japs will give the Russians their walking papers in short order and if other nations intrude upon them, the United States included, may they speedily meet their Sedan at the hands of the Japs and the "Heathen Chinee," who even if he is peculiar, has a right to his country and his religion.

THE CHRIST STORY

by W. J. Dean of Talent, Ore., is a pamphlet of twenty-five pages, price 10 cents, which is an arsenal of facts condensed in a nutshell. This bronchure deserves to be carefully read and mentally digested by the clergy and laity as well as Liberals . If Mr. Dean's exegesis of the Christ Story is not true, the clergy should hasten to prove that it is false; and if it is true, the world should know it as soon as possible. This pamphlet should be read in the House of Bishops, all church councils and theological seminaries. It is time the truth in regard to the so-called "Prince of Peace" were known, and the vexing questions settled forever.

Mr. Dean's title page has the following excellent maxims:

"Let us reason together."—Jehovah.
"Search the Scriptures."—Jesus.
"Let us be honest."—Ingersoll.

All these contain excellent advice and if the world would act upon it it would learn the truth, and "the truth shall make you free."

The world would be greatly benefitted if women, instead of investing in new spring hats would buy "thinking caps" and read The Christ Story by W. J. Dean of Talent, Ore.

PINE BURS.

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Opinions often change with habits, and habits are governed by the bank account.

Sinners are generally more discussed than saints.

A fool needs no testimonials of his accomplishments.

Between the millstones of ignorance and conceit much truth is converted into grist, while jealousy fans away the dust.

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ARTHUR F. MILTON.

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His shortages involve his accounts with all three of the institutions mentioned. He has also lost his wife's whole fortune of $17,000. The money has been lost, with much more, in recent stock speculations.

Ham is one of the most prominent episcopal laymen in this diocese. He has been for many years a leading member in St. Paul's church, one of the most fashionable in this city. He lived in good style in Brookline, and had a summer home at Needham.

Mrs. Ham said tonight that her husband was a man of exemplary habits and of a most generous disposition, his benefactions amounting, in her opinion, to an average of $50 a day. He has an adopted son, and Mrs. Ham has a son fifteen years old. The couple were married ten years ago. Ham is forty-eight years old.

His absolute control of the St. Luke Home funds made it possible for him to carry on his gigantic stealings. This is how he was enabled to carry on his defalcations.

"We do not bond our employees in other surety companies, but keep track of them by our own methods as in the case of our customers. We knew that Ham lived at the rate of about $15,000 a year and his salary from our company was $5,000, but we knew he had other business interests and then his reputation was without a flaw. We believe the stealing had been going on for a couple of years. Ham will not say how long," said an officer of the Surety company.

DEATH OF JOHN W. SEE.

BULLOCKVILLE, Ga.—Our father, John W. See, died on October 4, 1903, surrounded by his children, relations and friends. He was sick only a few days and passed away serenely, with out a murmur, retaining consciousness until death.

In early life he was a Methodist, of which church his mother was a devoted member, but after maturity he became a Universalist.

During his confinement as a prisoner of war at Johnson's Island, he having been captured at Gettysburg, he received much kindness at the hands of the people of the North who were Universalists.

He was of an enquiring mind, and twenty years ago he gave up Universalism as lacking scientific evidence, and became a Rationalist, and the remainder of his days was a student of Freethought.

His library contains several volumes of the Independent Pulpit, Freethought Magazine, the Truth Seeker and many other scientific papers and publications of the most advanced thinkers of the past and present.

He was for several years a subscriber to the Blue Grass Blade and a great admirer of its editor, C. C. Moore, and its able corps of contributors.

Two or three days before his death he received his Blade. He was too weak to read and requested his physicians, Dr. R. Hill, to read for him. The doctor sat by his side and read for him several pieces in the Blade, the last reading he ever heard, and he seemed to enjoy it as he did when he was in perfect health.

He died as he had lived for twenty years or more. He never feared death and died as peacefully as any Christian ever died.

He was the first in this country, and the second man in Georgia, to speak his infidel sentiments publicly. He rejoiced in knowing that the gods were being banished from the clouds.

He was prosecuted and heavily fined for running his grist mill on Sunday, during a drought, when people were destitute of bread. So you can draw your own conclusions of the community in which he lived, and the battles he had to fight for opinion's sake in "free America."

When his subscription to the B. G. B. expires, please notify and the subscription price will be promptly forwarded, and we wish the paper to still be sent to the same office, in his name. For scientific truth, we are both,

Yours truly,
J. M SEE & BRO.

OLD ARKANSAW

Tells About "Dog Fennel" and "Behind the Bars," and Says a Baptist Preacher Has Taken Dog Fennel to Jerusalem for a Guide Book.

Little Rock, Ark., March 3, 1904.
Charles C. Moore, Lexington, Ky.:

Dear Sir and friend.—Writing you to-day with mercury at 46 degrees when yesterday it stood at 87, reminds me that one year ago we were at Beyrout, Syria.

Well, I have often been over the route, and often see you with your shaggy beard and hair and often ponder on the remembrance of our often and pleasant rambles and conversations.

Last Monday I bade "bon voyage" to a friend who is going over the same ground, except Grannda, a broad gauge Baptist preacher, and having lent him my book, Dog Fennel in the Orient, he insisted on taking it along for referencea and I had to let him have it.

Now, if you have any of them left please send me a copy and I will remit as soon as I receive it. I don't want to be without it as I take many a hearty laugh over our experiences.

I have had perfect health since my return, and hope you and yours are enjoying the same.

I greatly enjoyed "Behind the Bars" also, especially your reception upon your liberation

Believe me as ever, yours in the truth. G. A VIQUESNEY

MY TWO BOOKS

"Behind the Bars; 31,498," and "Dog Fennel in the Orient."

I have written three books. The first one, "The Rational View," has all been sold out, and I do not expect ever to print another edition of it.

My second book is "Behind the Bars 31498," written when I was a prisoner of the United States, in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, where there were then 2,300 convicts and, said, at the time, to be the largest number in any prison in the world.

The number "31,498" was my prison number; that is that many convicts had been sent there when I came.

The cost of the book, sent by mail to any adress is $1.

"Dog Fennel in the Orient" is the name of my third book, it being an account of my travels in 1903, when I visited with a large party of "Cookies," all the points of interest on each side of the Mediterranean sea, going as far North as the Black sea, and then traveling through Palestine and seeing, under the most favorable circumstances all the principal places of interest in Palestine, and then going to Egypt and witnessing the wonders of that wonderful country.

"Dog Fennel," as it has been abreviated, costs, also, $1.00 delivered to you, by mail anywhere.

ISAAC SELBY HAS TURNED UP AT LAST

Many of the Blade readers will remember the above individual, as he made a tour of this country some years ago, preaching in churches against Infidelity. He is an Australian and for many years was a co-worker there with Symes, in his Infidel propaganda. He lectured all over Australia and next to Symes was that country's most prominent Infidel.

But Selby had an itching palm, and as he was not making money fast enough preaching Infidelity, he turned Christian, and great was the joy among the holy ones as he went about preaching Christianity, in the places where he had taught Infidelity. And he prospered.

About seven years ago, he came to America, and made a tour, advertising himself as the great converted Infidel of Australia and challenging Infidels as he went to debate with him.

He came to Cincinnati and Covington and churches opened to him, and he drew great crowds.

Having all the advantage of Infidel training and education, he could handle the ignorant Christian crowds to perfection. He was careful to expose only the weak points of Infidelity and having set his men of straw he would proceed to smash them, much to the delight of the gaping Christian crowds.

He was the sleekest of the sleek, and his ability was not to be questioned. Two debates were arranged with him, the first with Jamieson and the second with Charles Watts of England who was in Cincinnati at that time. Watts was so sick with la grippe that he was not able to stand and was not at his best.

It is fair to Selby to say that he met both of these able men and ably held his own.

The Christians awarded him with victory, of course. The Liberals all saw that he was a hypocrite, and that he was using his knowledge of Infidelity against the facts of Infidelity, as a lawyer uses the tricks of law against the law.

I reported his Cincinnati visit in the Blade at the time and cautioned Liberals to be on the look-out for him and predicted that it was only a question of time when the trickster would turn up in a scrape and be kicked out of the churches which he was playing.

Well, He Has Turned Up.

A San Francisco paper at hand, gives an account of his arrest, fine and imprisonment for cruel treatment of his wife. She should stand his brutality no longer and applied for a divorce, and thus this contemptible Infidel's rascality came to the surface. Her statement of his starvation of her and his cruelty, falsehood, hypocrisy and general meanness and worthlessness was well established by witnesses.

The Judge gave him a terrible scoring, and the limit of the law and wished that it was only twice as severe that he might apply the full penalty to such scoundrels.

So little Ikey Selby has at last reached the jumping off place.

Both Christians and Infidels have found him out, and he has at last learned, that it is better to be honest than to be a hypocrite.

His career in this country is no reflection upon Christianity, even though he played the churches for all he could get, and they took him up and championed him with great bluster and pride.

Selby is an Infidel. He was out for graft. As long as his heart was in the cause of intellectual liberty, he had character and standing. When he began playing the hypocrite he began to degenerate just as every other man will do, who so acts.

If he had been sterling and honest he might have held high position in the Freethought ranks in this country. He is a man of undoubted information and ability. We needed him. We could have kept him in the field. But alack! He has the fatal weakness of not being true to himself, and it follows, as the night the day, he cannot be true to any man. Christianity has lost out in taking up with this mountebank, and Infidelity has gained in getting rid of a contemptible hypocrite. If we ever hear of Selby again it is not likely that we will hear of anything good.

We are pleased to expose this man, just to show that Infidelity is as quick to hold up rascality of Infidels as to expose the rascality of the clergy.

But Selby is not the only hypocrite. He must now suffer oblivion, because it is always fatal to be found out. But there are thousands of others in the pulpit who are as Infidel at heart, as Selby is and who only escape the same fate by their skill in keeping from being found out

J. B. W

JOHN TURNER FREE.

He must now suffer oblivion, because to the United States, an order was issued for the release of John Turner, on bail, and setting the hearing of his On Feb. 29th, in the Supreme Court

The application for release on bail was partly to permit Turner to fill lecture engagements in other countries

That was kind in our Supreme Justices, wasn't it?

They will no permit him to speak here, but it is all right in "other countries," notwithstanding the recent Anarchy law has such a tender solicitude for Kings and despotic governments, that it foridds any one in this country to advocate the application of violence to despotism.

Turner was also set free upon the peculiar grounds that he is only a "theoretical Anarchist."

It looks to me that they were glad to let him loose upon most any theoretical pretext. Although his trial is set for April it is hardly likely that Turner will leave England to come over here to attend it. He won't come unless he wants to, for he cannot be extradited. In England, his home, he has all the rights of a citizen and is free to speak the sentiments for which he was arrested and jailed here. Which is the depotism? England or America?

The Lesson

To be learned in this case is the value of Liberal organization, and great credit is due to "The Free Speech League" of New York City, of which E. W. Chamberlain is president and Dr. E. B. Foote, Jr., vice president. The mass meetings called by this League at Cooper's Union, and the attention they called to the case, enlisting the interest of such eminent Liberals and Americans as Hugh O. Pentecost, Bolton Hall and many others had a decided effect upon the powers that be. They soon observed that they were going to have a fight on hands, and that a little show of discretion might be the better part of valor.

The quick active aggressive work of this League illustratese what may be accomplished in all such cases and plainly shows where our duties lie, and makes clear that a small organization is better than none—that we must have on hands, at all times organization, however, poorly equipped, for such emergencieis. They are rallying points and are able at once to set the ball rolling.

I would be particularly pleased if the little part I took in the fight, landed in the right place. I sent several hundred copies of the Blade containing my article to Senators, Representatives, Cabinet and other officials.

But we must not crow too loud. It is very probable that if the presidential election was two or three years off, Turner would not have been released. The officials no doubt saw that this case would be contested and just at this time, the administration could not afford it.

Any how, it is a great victory to be able to carry the case to the Supreme Court in so short a time.

These old grannies up there, no doubt have heard of Darrow.

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J. B. W.

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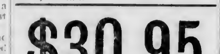

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JUDGE LADD

ANSWERS THE "CHURCH NEWS" THAT HAD BEEN SENT HIM.

Alameda, Calif., Feb. 229, 1904.
Mr. J. D. Rogers, Business Manager:

My dear sir:—I am just in receipt of your circular, "Church News," wherein it appears that your organization is a branch of the "National Federation of Churches" whose purpose is to combat the outside world of unbelievers.

Now, most deluded friend, had you known my views on religious matters, you probably would not have sent me that circular.

I shall assume that you and your co-workers are as honest as you are ignorant of all matters pertaining to the birth, early life and history of Christianity, and that you know nothing, whatever, of the comparative religions of the world.

It is either this or dishonesty. I prefer to believe you are honest rather than dishonest—that you are weak-minded rather than rascals.

In your pious effort you seem to be trying to fool people into the belief that a Jewish Virgin gave birth to a son whose father was a celestial monarch; that the boy was put to death, and, after three days arose from the grave and ascended into heaven all to save a lost world.

This is but an old Pagan story retold.

All this may seen fine to you Christians, but it is consummate nonsense to people who are not bereft of the power of thinking on religious subjects.

In order to sustain your honesty, I must further assume that you are totally ignorant of the numerous crimes perpetrated by the priesthood in the name of their religion, and under the teaching of their Bible. Either that or your combine is willing to slaughter all unbelievers that you may keep in power.

I would here suggest, as a test of honesty that you people go to our libraries, and, with a purpose of truth, read the history of all great religions of the world, and especially, the birth and early life of Judaism and Christianity, and don't neglect to read the crimes of the middle ages, wherein the church put to death every man and woman who did not believe in your miraculous and idiotic story, concerning the man Christ, who was none other than a myth; and while reading them don't forget the numerous tortures which the church inflicted on its victims, before the final death by fire, strangulation, etc., and, while at it, read of the religious wars wherein more than 200,000,000 of lives were sacrifice to secure the evils you now have in view; 300,000,000 of human lives sacrificed that the church might live. Then don't forget the late butcheries in China and the Philippines.

In all these, and a thousand more like things, all a matter of history, I must assume your total ignorance, or your total depravity.

Now, in conclusion, let me urge on you and your deluded co-workers, that you suspend your childish nonsense long enough to read up on these matters.

Procure my "Hebrew and Christian Mythology," and my numerous other and later writings and publications along the line of Hebrew, Christian and other pagan nonsense.

After this read the numerous authorities cited in my works.

You have my sympathies for your childish weakness, and my hope that you may commence to think.

Once your thinker set in motion, if you have not been bereft of all hope of reason, you may yet do some good in the world. But before there can be any hope for you, get out from under the dark cloud of ignorance, arrogance and superstition which has, so long, hung over your vision.

In order that you may give yourself no further trouble in mailing religious circulars to me, please give this letter the widest circulation possible, by its publication or otherwise, that your dupes may know my views as to the purpose indicated in your circular.

Accept my kindest wishes for your conversion to the truth, and may I hope that you turn from the path of Christian ignorance and superstition; that you become a disciple of truth, honesty and manly virtue wherein your labor may cast a ray of shunshine on the benighted Christian world.

PARISH B. LADD.

"DUNN WENT TO THE SCAFFOLD ATTENDED BY A MINISTER."

At St. Joseph, Mo., on March 11, Mart Dunn was hanged for murder.

The account says "Dunn went to the scaffold attended by a minister." It is a fact that practically every man who is hung wants the offices of a preacher, or priest—more frequently the latter—and it is equally true that we never hear of an Infidel being hung.

This does not at all prove that the Christian religion is false, but it does prove that religion does not make men good.

If it was a fact that the newspapers were continually reporting that infidels were being hung, and that they went to the scaffold saying they did not believe in religion and did not want the services of any priest or preacher and that no Christian was ever hung, the pulpit and the press would be continually urging that fact to show that religion makes people good and infidelity makes people bad.

Everybody knows this to be true and yet all religionists carefully refrain from mentioning this fact.

If we mention to Christians the fact that all people who are hung are Christians they say it is because they are not good Christians—a fact that is very evident.

If an infidel does wrong and we Infidels say it is because he was not a good Infidel, which is also very evident, they scant the idea, and seem to claim that for a Christian to do wrong shows that he is not a good Christian while for an infidel to do wrong shows that he is extra good Infidel.

This kind of logic may serve to deceive some silly, or bigoted people for a little while, but it is, all the time, reacting upon the minds of educated and thinking people, and the fact that the newspapers are always reporting that Christians are being hung and never reporting that Infidels are being hung is bound to make infidels, all the time, is as is now being done.

In al the crimes that are committed in Kentucky, especially the assassinations, nobody ever saw a single statement in any newspaper that any one of them was committed by an Infidel. Nobody ever suspects one of these murderers of being an Infidel, and over and over again when these men are captured and are in jail they conduct regular religious services, and when Youtsey—who is now in the penitentiary for life for the murder of his Christian brother, who had also killed a man—was in jail in Georgetown, the newspapers regularly reported how Rucker, the man who sent me to the penitentiary for being an Infidel, and Christian women, were all in jail with these assassins and all of them together, the assassins and Rucker, and the Christian women were conducting together, regular religious love feasts.

It is perfectly natural that all criminals should be Christians and that an Infidel should not be a criminal. If a man intends to be a criminal he will be a Christian because he knows that other Christians will try to hide his crimes and will come to his assistance if he is being tried for crimes, and then the Christian religion teaches ..m that no matter how great his crime may be, if he goes to the gallows with a priest or preacher, and there trusts in Jesus and has his minister to pray over him, he will go straight to heaven when he dies, and thus Christianity becomes an incentive to crime and pays a premium to the criminals.

There have been various cases reported in which men killed their wives and the whole tenor of the while there was reason to fear that the reason to fear that the woman would not go to heaven because she had been killed before she had time to repent, yet the man who murdered her would certainly go to heaven because he had been confined in jail for a long time and had had the ministrations of religious people and of priests or preachers, and the good and penitent wife murderer, like the thief on the cross, had the plain promise of his Savior to meet him that day in Paradise ,and, in various instances, men who have murdered their wives have expressed fears that they might not meet their wives in heaven because the wives had been killed before they had time to repent.

On the other hand the very fact that a man knows that he is known to be an Infidel tends to keep him from the commission of crime and for the most natural of reasons. He knows that the fact that he is an Infidel will make all Christians try to punish him while it will not induce infidels who believe him guilty to try to protect him, because Infidels, in the minority as they are, cannot afford to protect criminal Infidels, and an Infidel knows that the Infidel contention is that Infidelity makes people better, and therefore, each Infidel knows that other Infidels will not protect him or her, in his crime, if they know it, because when even one Infidel commits a crime, the public sentiment is so against Infidelity that it affects the whole Infidel body.

Then each Infidel knows that he has no religion to comfort him if he commits a crime, and the results, naturally, just as we find it now, Christians continually being hung for crime while Infidels never are.

The very fact that a man announces himself an Infidel makes him known that it puts the public to watching him to catch him in any crime if they can, and therefore a man who intends to be a criminal will not put himself at a disadvantage by announcing that he is an Infidel, while a man who intends to be a criminal will be a Christian in order to have the protection of Christians.

(From Lexington Democrat.)

RELIGIOUS WAR

Is Being Fought in Far East, Says Rev. Spencer, Who Lectured Here.

Rev. David Spencer and wife, the Methodist missionaries to Japan and Korea, who delivered several very interesting lectures here, are the guests of Judge James D. Tipton and wife in Mt. Sterling. In discussing the Russio-Japanese war, Mr. Spencer said:

"In the last analysis this war is a religious contest. At the bottom of the question is the Greek church. The Greek church is Russia. It believes in the mission of Russia to rule the world. In opposing Russian aggression Japan is fighting the battle of Protestant England and Protestant America. She would save China and Korea and maintain an open door. Every thoughtful American will pray for the success of Japanese arms.

Comment—Certainly the Japanese are known to be heathen who believe in the religion of Confucius who lived 500 years before Jesus was born, but the Christian preacher always claims that the side that is winning is doing Christian work.

The Russians are Christians who are daily praying to God to help them and the Jap does not believe in the Christian God, or any God except what he makes himself out of wood, but a Protestant is for the heathen Jap against a Greek Catholic.

BLOOD WILL TELL.

Maryaville, Tenn., March 13.—Bitter feeling exists here against W. K. Beecher, aged 16, who was arrested at Birmingham, Ala., charged with criminal assault on little Felicia Knight. Young Beecher, who has been in Marysville college for three years, is the son of Rev. W. A. Beechor, a Presbyterian minister of Rannsalaer, N. Y., and a relative of Henry Ward Beecher.

SHATTERED BY MORMON FAITH

FILIAL LOVE OF CINCINNATI GIRL GIVES WAY TO HER ACCEPTANCE OF MORMON RELIGION.

Cincinnati, O., March 11.—"I love my father and mother, but I love Mormonism, my religion, more. I love my sweetheart and promised husband, but greater than my love for him is my love for the Mormon faith."

Very quietly Barbara Abinger, a beautiful dark-eyed Cincinnati girl of 22, spoke these two remarkable sentences. Behind them lies a romance dramatic in its every particular, with the Mormon church as central figure and the actors two Cincinnati lovers, Mormon believers, whose love is to culminate in a Mormon wedding, and as a result Barbara Abinger, the bride-to-be, has been disowned by her parents because she has accepted the Mormon faith.

The entire scene of the story is in the heart of Cincinnati, and the lovers and their relatives are residents of this city. Joseph Weidner, son of well-to-do people, is the groom-to-be. That Salt Lake City has been determined on by the lovers for their city of residence after their wedding seems a fitting finale for the remarkable romance. Both the disrupted families are strict Catholics.

Comment—We have in various religious books, describing the early days of the Christian religion—stories of "beautiful dark-eyed girls," who forsake the Pagan religion and sacrifice home, friends, wealth, and everything else to become Christians and the argument is that these beauties must have known that the Christian religion was true, else they never would have made all this sacrifice.

If that argument is sound and valid what are we to conclude from the case of Miss Barbara Abinger, here in Cincinnati, one of the most enlightened of American cities, in the twentieth century?

There are many thousands of us old people living who remember the whole story of the starting of Mormonism just as plainly as younger people remember the story of Dowieism in Chicago and New York, and we old people are, from memory, just as certain that Mormonism is a lie and a fraud as younger people can be that this is true of Dowieism.

And yet, in Cincinnati, here are two people, reared Catholics, the most orthodox of all the Christian religion, who having heard the argument for Christianity and that for Mormonism, have concluded that Christianity is not the true religion and that Mormonism is the true religion.

If then, the fact that young men and young women leaving Paganism for Chrstianity, in the early history of Christianity, proves that Christianity is a better religion than Paganism, the leaving Christianity for Mormonism, in the same way, must prove that Mormonism is a better religion than Christianity is, and the record of Mormonism is certainly better than that of Christianity, of which the Catholic church is the highest exponent.

The polygamy of Mormoniam is certainly very disgraceful to any properly trained mind, but the Mormons get that doctrine direct from the Bible, and Mormonism has never shown any disposition to murder those who did not accept its doctrine, and especially by burning at the stake, as the Christian church has done.

Jo Smith, the founder of Mormonism was killed for his religion, just as the Christians say Jesus was, and while the Christians seem never to have done anything in the business of the world, until 325 years after the death of their founder, the Mormons, just at once, on the death of their great prophet, moved into a desert that was uninhabited, and built there, one of the most beautiful cities in America and a temple for their worship that ranks among the most beautiful temples of the world.

I would rather join the Mormon church than any of the others.

The Mormon Bible was written by Sidney Rigdon, a Campbellite preacher, and there is as much similarity, therefore, between the Mormons and the Campbellites as there is between any other two religions.

One difference is that the Mormon Elders openly profess their polygamy and the Campbellite Elders do not.

LETTER MAKES COMMOTION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Ogden, S. C., March 9, 1904.
Editor C. C. Moore:

Dear Brother—If it be possible send me one copy of January 31, 304, or as many copies as you can spare of that date.

Quite a racket was raised among the saints about my letter. I received four wrathy letters the enclosed one of which is a mild sample.

One good old lady says she did not sleep lor two weeks after that paper appeared containing my letter, because there was strong talk that I was going to be whitecapped.

She walked to my house and warned my wife to be prepared for the worst, and to beg me, for God's sake, to write nothing more to the Blade.

A friend told me recently that he saw A. Friedheim, a wealthy Jew, who I mentioned personally, read that letter to over a dozen different people in his office, speaking well about me to every one.

Christian fanatics, who wrote threatening letters to me, have not courage enough to sign their names. Your bold Blade writers know nothing about backwoods persecution. The half has not been told yet. A. L. NEELY.

The "mild sample" of the letters that Brother Neely received, printed just as written, is as follows:

Ogden, S. C., Feb. 15, 1904.
A. L. Neely.

Dear Heathens I will warn you be-fore you get any futher in trouble if you send me anymore of them dam blades you will wish you haden't for no one but Negros and trasn would Read such dam stuff hoping to help you to avoid futher trouble

A FIRST CLASS CITIZEN.

Comment—This ignorant and vicious "first class citizen" is a sample of the men with whom we Infidels have to deal, in elevating the standard of morals in this country and in all countries where the Christian religion has gotten any foothold. It does no good to abuse such a man.

He would feel complimented and gratified if he could find that his letter had produced any indignation among Infidels, and one of the last things in the world to do is to abuse that man.

We, as Infidels, must be consistent and I commend Bro. Neely because he has not said a single unkind word against the man.

Our philosophy is that men are what their heredity and environment make them, and, in this case, the indications are that the man is not of high born parentage, and that he is ignorant and incapable of investigating and thinking for himself, and the only influence that has ever been brought to bear upon him being that of preachers whose interest it is to have him believe just as he does, it is the most natural thing in the world that he should consider himself "a first class citizen."

That man is a dangerous man because he is a coward, whose disposition to do things in the dark is shown by the fact that he makes his threats without signing his name.

A brave man is not apt to want to hurt anybody except some bad man and a brave man will not write anything that he is afraid to sign his name to, but a coward will shoot you in the back and he is more apt to kill a good and brave man than he is to kill a cowardly bad man, and very naturally, because bad men hate men who are not like themselves, and the instruction of this South Carolina man, who threatens without signing his name, has made him believe he is "a first class citizen," and he just naturaly believes that it is a great merit to be a Christian and a great crime to be an Infidel, and being, naturally, incapable of reasoning you cannot argue with him any more than you can argue with any other kind of a religionist, Jew, Mohammedan, Mormon or Dowieite, and all that we can do for such people is to feel sorry for them; do them some good deed whenever we have an opportunity and set them a good example by leading good and useful lives ourselves.

Let us try to remember the saying of Paine "to do good is my religion," and the saying of Jesus Christ that we deserve more credit for being good to those who are not good to us than we do for being good to those who are good to us.

I want Bro. Neely to fuly realize that now is his opportunity to do some thing for the cause of Infidelity by being not merely really "a first class citizen," but by being, like Abou Ben Adam, a man who "loves his fellow-man."

DOG FENNEL

Is Kindly Noticed by The Examiner of Paris, Texas.

Richmond, Ky., March 12, 1904.
Rev. Charles C. Moore:

Dog Fennel in the Orient, I saw mentioned to-day in the March-April "Examiner," Paris, Texas, just to hand and I want a copy when you are ready to cry "Go," and price is not too much. If you have descriptive literature please send me such.

Respectfully,
STEPHEN D. PARRISH.

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The Examiner's notice is as follows:

Dog Fennel in the Orient by Charles C. Moore, editor of the Blue Grass Blade, Lexington, Ky., price $1.00.

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It is the desire that Dr. J. B. Wilson represent American Freethought at the World's Congress of Freethinkers to be held in Rome, Italy, next September. Dr. Wilson is president of the National Liberal Party and is eminently qualified to participate in the deliberations at the Congress. On his return from Rome the Doctor will write a book embracing his experiences and proceedings of the Congress, and it is needless to speak of the Doctor's versatility and ability to write such a book.

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WOMAN MANIAC TRIES TO KILL HER CHILDREN

Says God Ordered Her to Sacrifice Her Little Ones—Wild Doings of Religious Fanatics in Maine.

Bangor, Maine, March 10.—Maniacal proceedings are reported forming among the 500 members of a so-called religious ,sect living in a colony on Peal's Island, near Jonesport. One woman who tried to kill her children after denouncing at a revival that God had ordered her to make the sacrifice has been adjudged insane and brought to the hospital here. Jonesport deputy sheriffs and citizens have gone to the island to calm the excited inhabitants.

Persons just returned from the scene assert that during the revival the woman who was brought to the hospital called out that the voice of God told her that a certain dog must be killed. The animal was brought into the meeting house and slain. Then she announced that she had received another divine command that a cat in the village should be put to death. The execution was carried out but when she arose a third time and declared she had been commanded to slay her baby, a furious discussion was precipitated which broke up the meeting. The authorities heard of the affairs and seized the woman before she could carry out the command.

The Islanders are now destroying their watches, jewelry and other articles of ornament.

North Waterboro, Maine.—Inclosed find $1 for the Apochryphal New Testament. I may send for "Behind the Bars" later. I have quite a lot of books and Dog Fennel in the Orient is among the best.

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